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**GROTON MAN CHARGED WITH IMPERSONATING
FEDERAL AGENT AT BIKE WEEK**

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono and Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Field Office Kenneth W. Kaiser, announced that Paul D. Berube, age 53, of Groton, New Hampshire, was charged by complaint today in United States District Court in Concord, New Hampshire, with False Personation of an Officer or Employee of the United States. The complaint alleges that Mr. Berube posed as an agent of the United States Department of Homeland Security, and utilized a dog to search at locations in the Weird Beach area of Laconia.

United States Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead ordered Mr. Berube detained pending trial. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of three years imprisonment and a \$250,000.00 fine.

The case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the assistance of the New Hampshire State Police, the University of New Hampshire Police Department, the Laconia Police Department and the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Please note that a complaint is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all criminal cases, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.